COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the *24th of January 1935.*
11th of Makaram 1110.

The House met at 11-30 a. m. with C. G. Herbert Esq., I. C. S., the Diwan President, in the chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. G. Nayar, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, A. I. Mani, C. A. Ouseph and A. Sankara Poduval were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Legislation on Labour conditions.

216. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 451, dated 28th March, 1933, regarding the prospects in this State of legislation on labour conditions on the lines suggested by the Whitley's Labour Commission Report, will the Government state:—

(a) the progress they have made in the matter during the long interval of about two years;

(b) why they did not reply the question "when they will be moving in the matter" in the answer under reference;

(c) whether there are any points applicable to our State and requiring their enquiry in the said Whitley's Labour Commission Report and what those points are;

(d) the results of their enquiry mentioned in (c)?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The Government contemplates the revision of the Cochin Factory Regulation. The draft of the revised Regulation is being considered by Government. The Workmen's Compensation Bill and the Trade Union Bill are now before the Legislative anvil. An Economic Survey of the State has already been undertaken and is being vigorously pushed on.

(b) Because Government were not certain whether they would be able to carry out a thorough investigation into the condition of the labouring classes in the immediate future.

(c) It is not possible to give an answer without a proper Survey of Labour in the State.

(d) Does not arise.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Don't you think, Sir, that you have done too many things in such a short time as to become cynosures to neighbouring States? May I know, Sir, when was the revised Regulation drafted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This Regulation is under scrutiny.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about the date of the drafting of the Regulation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it about a year back?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not the Workmen's Compensation Bill a non-official measure?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes, it is a non-official measure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then why do you appropriate the credit to you?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no reason why one side of the House should be considered separate and independent of the other.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Economic survey as yet come to any definite conclusions as regards the necessity of legislation on labour conditions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the Economic Survey include a survey of the conditions of labour?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It includes a survey of the conditions of labour but whether they have collected any data and whether they have arrived at any conclusions is not known to me. I have not seen their report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How long will the Survey take to be completed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That question was answered in this House more than once. It is not possible to give an exact date when it will be completed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly expolite its conclusions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They will.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the draft of this regulation contain any provision regarding wages?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not expected of the Government to be ready with the answer in as much as it is bound up with this question?

President.—The Government Member has replied that the draft is only under consideration. I do not think they are expected to reply to detailed questions like this when it is only under consideration. If the Hon. Member is asking such supplementary questions on a single question the other Honourable Members will have no time to ask questions. The Hon'ble Member for Cranganur appropriates the whole questioning time of the House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Shall I not ask supplementary questions, Sir?

President.—I have no objection in your asking questions. But I would ask you to remember there are other Honourable Members who would like to put supplementary questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then shall I wait for some time to see whether other Honourable Members are standing up to ask questions?

President.—I simply ask the Honourable Member to be quick in asking his questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what you have done in furtherance of your assurance, namely that some Regulation will have to be passed, made as early as the Budget Meeting of 1108?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A Regulation cannot be passed without drafting and scrutiny. It takes time. Government are now going through the preliminary processes and every expedition will be shown to bring this Bill into an Act.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the time that has elapsed between 1108 and now?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That question does not require an answer from me.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—During this long interval the Government could have done something substantial.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Something substantial will follow when the Bill becomes an Act.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether in the draft rules of the Regulation there is any provision regarding the hours of work?

President.—This draft Bill came before this House for detailed consideration. It is impossible if the House just now

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sit here to conduct a detailed examination of the Bill the draft of which is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware of the fact that 40 hours has been recently fixed in the International Conference on Labour?

President.—It is not a supplementary question. We will pass on to the next question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir.

President.—What is the matter?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I may respectfully bring to the notice of the Hon'ble President that my right of putting supplementary questions is being obstructed.

President.—The Honourable Member may sit down.

Appointments in the Agricultural Department.

217. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answers to Question No. 125, dated 3rd August 1934, will Government be pleased to state whether Ezhuvas and other castes can be appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, except in Palace gardens.

Touring Veterinary Inspector—visit to Chittur.

218. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many times the itinerating Veterinary Inspector visited Chittur after his appointment;

(2) what was the work done by him when he last visited Kozhinjampara;

(3) how many cattle did he attend to;

(4) how many days did he stop there;

(5) how were the people informed of his presence there;

(6) when will he go to Kozhinjampara next time;

(7) which all other places in Chittur did he visit and what were the works done there;

(8) what was the amount spent this time for visting these places by way of T. A. and other expenses?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(1) Three times (once every month).

(2) Informing ryots about the organisation of the new Touring Veterinary Establishment and giving instructions in

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